

INTRODUCTION

BEM 220 states that residency continues for an individual who is temporarily absent from Michigan or intends to return to Michigan when the purpose of the absence has been accomplished.

Example: Individuals who spend the winter months in a warmer climate and return to their home in the spring. They remain MI residents during the winter months.

Home Help

Active home help clients can remain eligible for home help payments in a temporary residence outside of the state, if there is evidence of intent to return to Michigan. Medicaid remains active during the temporary absence.

Evidence of intent may be contract or rent payments, property taxes or utility services paid by the client or their legally responsible party.

Example: Parents caring for a disabled adult child while spending the winter months in Florida and take their child with them can be paid as home help providers for their adult child.

Authorization of Services

Payment can be authorized only for those services required by the client in any living arrangement (permanent or temporary) and **only** to providers authorized to provide home help services **prior** to the client's temporary absence.

Authorizations **cannot** extend beyond the six month review date as the specialist is unable to meet the face-to-face contact requirement. Increases in care cost **cannot** be approved without a face-to-face assessment of the client.

Documentation

The adult services specialist must confirm and document the following:

- The time frame of the client's absence from the state.
- The client will be traveling with the provider.

LEGAL BASE

- The need for continuation of care during the temporary absence.

42 CFR 435.403

Section 11005 of P.L. 99-570

Social Welfare Act, Sections 1902(a)(48), 1902(b)(2)

MCL 400.32

**JOINT POLICY
DEVELOPMENT**

The Adult Service Manual (ASM) policy has been developed jointly by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Department of Human Services (DHS).